

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Alex Stoesser demonstrated statesmanship, innovation, commitment, leadership and vision as a member of the Pierre Farmers Elevator Board of Directors from 1972 through 1993, serving many of those years as president of the board; and,

Whereas, Alex achieved great success and changes in advancing the cooperative movement through efforts he undertook in the building of a new elevator, including the use of Debenture Notes by the elevators patrons to finance building; leading the way by purchasing many of the notes himself; and,

Whereas, Alex, sharing his conviction and vision as to the potential of the elevator, helped enhance and promote the growth of the elevator, now Midwest Cooperative, more than ten-fold as patron equity grew from \$379,605 to \$3,742,098 by 1993; and,

Whereas, Alex is greatly admired by those he worked with due to his patience, understanding, and his ability to calm and rationalize under strenuous circumstances; and,

Whereas, Alex's compassion and humanitarian nature has lead him and his wife, Lucille, to achieve their vision of helping unemployed workers in Detroit by delivering 150,000 pounds of flour from South Dakota; and,

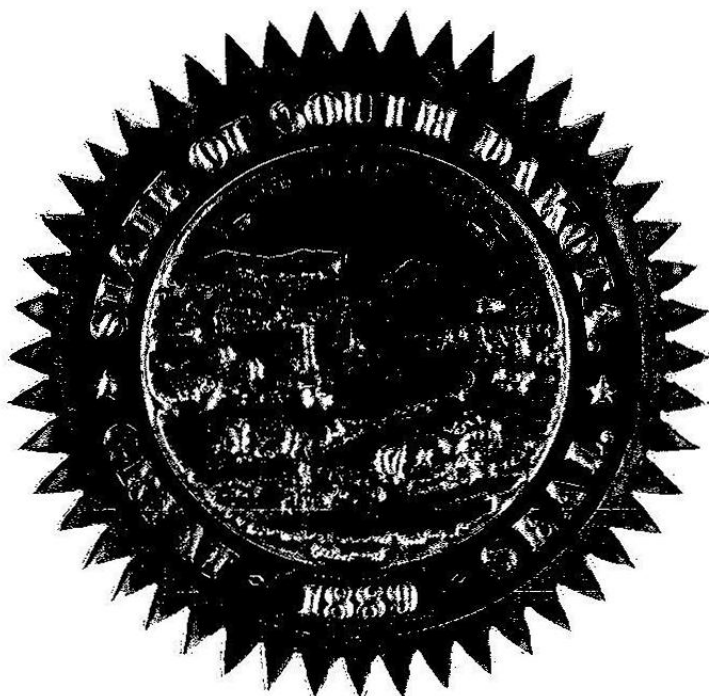
Whereas, Alex is a lifelong member of St John's Catholic Church in Ft. Pierre, a member of the Charter Grand Knight of the Little Flowers Knights of Columbus, the loyal Order of the Moose #1813, the American Legion Post #0143, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2038; and,

Whereas, The citizens and cooperative community of South Dakota wish to thank Alex for his exceptional leadership in the farm supply and marketing cooperative industries and a special thanks to his family for their lifelong support of his efforts:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2005, as

ALEX STOESER DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State